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12. Shri Kartikya V. Sarabhai,
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Depriving Railway Teachers of the benefit of extension after superannuation

1831. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent decision of the Railway Board depriving Railway Teachers of the benefit of two years of extension of service after superannuation, conferred by an award to them, on Teachers day by the President of India on the 9th May, 1984; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b)

Statement

The age of retirement for railway school teachers was enhanced from 58 to 60, with effect from 2-9-1983, on the basis of orders issued by the Department of Education for teachers in centrally administered schools since, traditionally, the Railway Ministry ave been following the service conditions laid down by the Department of Education for teachers in centrally administered schools.

Based on a writ petition in the Supreme Court by teachers of Ordnance Factory schools, Government reviewed the whole matter afresh, keeping in view the observations of the Supreme Court and the recommendations of the IV Central Pay Commission for a uniform retirement age of 58 years for all Central Government employees. Accordingly, Government have decided that the age of retirement for teachers working in all Central Government Organisations, including the Union Territories—whether they are in the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Defence, or any other Ministry or Department or in the Delhi Administration—should be uniformly 58 years, with effect from 1-4-1989.

This has therefore, been implemented by Ministry of Railways also. However, existing incumbents as on 31-3-1989 shall continue to enjoy the benefit of superannuation on attaining the age of 60 years.

Smuggling of Nepalese girls into India

1832. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that about one lakh girls from Nepal are smuggled every year to India and are forced into the flesh trade as reported in the *Hindustan Times* of the 2nd January, 1989;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps to stop illegal smuggling of girls from Nepal; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Work paralysed at Bombay Port

1833. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether work at Bombay Port was paralysed as reported by *Financial Express* dated the 26th March, 1989;

(b) whether the losses incurred by Indian shipowners would be reimbursed to them; and

(c) whether the workers have agreed to exempt unloading of passengers and milk and butter oil to ensure that milk supplies from Mother Dairy at Calcutta and Delhi both run by NDDB are not affected due to shortages of indigenous milk arising from persistent droughts over the last 10-12 years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) Only three vessels of Shipping Corporation of India, M.V. "Vishva Nandini", M.V. "Vishva Madhuri" and M.V. "Vishva Kaumudi" were held up at Bombay Port due to stoppage of work during 23rd March, 1989 to 27th March, 1989 by Indian Seafarers Federation. The workers had agreed to exempt passenger vessel "Andamans" which sailed from Calcutta. Loading and unloading operations were not affected. The losses incurred by shipowners, if any, are not reimbursable.

Indians living abroad

1834. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state what is the number of Indians living at present in different foreign countries indicating the figures country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): Information on the number of Indians living abroad, country-wise, is being collected.

राजस्थान में जल-भूतल परिवहन का समन्वित विकास

1835. **श्री संतोष बागड़ोदिया** : क्या **जल-भूतल परिवहन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राजस्थान सरकार ने राज्य में जल-भूतल परिवहन के समन्वित विकास के लिये केन्द्रीय सरकार को कोई प्रस्ताव भेजे हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) उस पर केन्द्रीय सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट): (क) जी, नहीं । अब तक ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं होता

Airbus-320 for Indian Airlines

1836. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Airlines has been allowed by